

## REMARKS

### *Election/Restriction*

Claims 1-42 are pending and are subject to a restriction requirement. In this amendment, claims 1-23 and 40-42 have been withdrawn. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 24-39 will be pending.

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-42 to the following:

- I. Claims 1-10.
- II. Claims 11-23.
- III. Claims 24-39.
- IV. Claim 40.
- V. Claim 41.
- VI. Claim 42.

The Examiner further asserts the inventions are distinct and has required restriction between subcombinations usable together as follows:

- Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions I and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions I and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions I and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions I and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions II and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions II and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions II and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions III and IV are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.

- Inventions III and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions III and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions IV and V are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions IV and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.
- Inventions V and VI are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination.

Accordingly, the undersigned representative hereby elects without traverse Group III, claims 24-39, for examination. The undersigned representative reserves the right to file the withdrawn claims in a divisional or continuation application.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the forgoing remarks/arguments, each of the claims in the application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection and to pass the application to issue. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the undersigned representative, in person or over the telephone, we welcome the opportunity to do so. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4402.

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